

**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs; Public Meeting**

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), pursuant to the Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 106-50), SBA Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs will host a public federal meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2007. The meeting will take place at the SBA, 409 3rd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416, starting at 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Eisenhower Conference Room, Side B; located on the 2nd floor. The purpose of this meeting is to focus on SBA's services, programs and outreach for veterans and service-disabled veterans.

Anyone wishing to attend must contact Cheryl Clark, Program Liaison in the Office of Veterans Business Development at (202) 205-6773 or send an e-mail to *cheryl.clark@sba.gov*.

**Matthew Teague,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request**

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages that will require clearance by the Office of Management

and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. The information collection packages that may be included in this notice are for new information collections, approval of existing information collections, revisions to OMB-approved information collections, and extensions (no change) of OMB-approved information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility, and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be submitted to the OMB Desk Officer and the SSA Reports Clearance Officer. The information can be mailed, faxed or e-mailed to the individuals at the addresses and fax numbers listed below:

(OMB), Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, Fax: 202-395-6974, E-mail address: *OIRA\_Submission@omb.eop.gov*. (SSA), Social Security Administration, DCBFM, Attn: Reports Clearance Officer, 1333 Annex Building, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 410-965-6400, E-mail address: *OPLM.RCO@ssa.gov*.

I. The information collections listed below are pending at SSA and will be submitted to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, your

comments should be submitted to SSA within 60 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain copies of the collection instruments by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410-965-0454 or by writing to the address listed above.

1. *Request for Hearing by Administrative Law Judge—20 CFR 404.929, 404.933, 416.1429, 404.1433, 405.722, 418.1350—0960-0269.* The information collected on Form HA-501-U5 is used by SSA to document and initiate the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) hearing process for determining eligibility or entitlement to Social Security benefits (Title II), Supplemental Security Income payments (Title XVI), Special Veterans Benefits (Title VIII), Medicare (Title XVIII). This information will also be used to request appeal of initial determinations regarding Medicare Part B income-related premium subsidy reductions. The methods for filing a request for an ALJ hearing are being expanded to include the Internet. If an individual receives a notice of denial of his/her disability claim and the notice provides rights to an ALJ hearing, he/she will have the option of filing for the ALJ hearing over the Internet. The individual will complete the appropriate appeal screens and submit the appeal to SSA for processing. The respondents are individuals requesting an ALJ hearing.

*Type of Request:* Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 669,469.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 178,525 hours.

Collection method	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Estimated completion time	Total burden hours
Paper & Modernized Claims System .....	334,735	1	10 minutes ..	55,789
i501 .....	334,734	1	22 minutes ..	122,736
<b>Totals:</b> .....	<b>669,469</b>	.....	.....	<b>178,525</b>

2. *Request for Reconsideration—20 CFR 404.907-404.921, 416.1407-416.1421, 408.1009—0960-0622.* The information collected on Form SSA-561-U2 is used by SSA to document and initiate the reconsideration process for determining eligibility or entitlement to Social Security benefits (Title II), Supplemental Security Income payments (Title XVI), Special Veterans Benefits (Title VIII), Medicare (Title

XVIII). This information will also be used to request appeal of initial determinations regarding Medicare Part B income-related premium subsidy reductions. The methods for filing a request for reconsideration are being expanded to include the Internet. If an individual receives a notice of denial of his/her disability claim and the notice provides the right to reconsideration, he/she will have the option of filing for

the reconsideration over the Internet. The individual will complete the appropriate appeal screens and submit the appeal to SSA for processing. The respondents are individuals filing for reconsideration.

*Type of Request:* Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,461,700.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 341,064 hours.

Collection method	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Estimated completion time	Total burden hours
Paper & Modernized Claims System .....	730,850	1	8 min .....	97,447
i561 .....	730,850	1	20 min .....	243,617
Totals: .....	1,461,700	.....	.....	341,064

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Urban Partnership-Related Federal Register Notices**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary of Transportation (“OST”), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of list of urban partnership-related **Federal Register** notices.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Transportation (the “Department”) is pleased to provide you the following list of solicitations issued by the Department in connection with its Urban Partnership Program announced in December 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please address questions regarding this notice to David B. Horner, Esq., Chief Counsel, Federal Transit

Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation by e-mail at [David.Horner@dot.gov](mailto:David.Horner@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following is a list of solicitations issued by the Department in connection with its Urban Partnership Program announced in December 2006.

The Urban Partnership Program reflects the Department’s effort to develop, in the words of U.S. Transportation Secretary Mary Peters, “21st Century Solutions to 21st Century Challenges” facing the Nation’s transportation network. One such challenge is the severe and worsening problem of metropolitan traffic congestion. Through the Urban Partnership Program, the Department is offering a combination of grants, technical expertise, regulatory relief and credit support to jurisdictions which are prepared to experiment with four strategies believed to be effective, on a combined basis, in reducing metropolitan traffic congestion: (i) Value pricing, (ii) bus transit, (iii) telecommuting and flextime, and (iv) intelligent transportation technology.

Representatives of metropolitan areas interested in becoming Urban Partners

must submit an application to the Department that meets the requirements detailed in the Department’s December 8, 2006, **Federal Register** Notice (“Applications for Urban Partnership Agreements (“UPAs”) as Part of Congestion Initiative”). Designation as an Urban Partner does not, by itself, qualify a party for any grant or funding amount. However, Urban Partners will receive priority consideration under the other departmental discretionary funding programs referenced below, to the extent that program terms provide or allow.

Applicants must apply separately to each of the programs from which they seek funding and must meet each program’s specific statutory requirements. Applicants are encouraged to identify in each application those other Urban Partnership-related program solicitations, if any, to which they have applied. All application materials are due to the Department by April 30, 2007, apart from applications to the Federal Transit Administration’s Alternatives Analysis and Bus & Bus Facilities Programs, which are due by May 22, 2007.

Date published	Citation	Title (description)	Link
12/08/2006 .....	71 FR 71231 .....	Applications for Urban Partnership Agreements (“UPAs”) as Part of Congestion Initiative (The purpose of this Notice is to solicit proposals by metropolitan areas to enter into UPAs with the Department in order to demonstrate strategies with a combined track record of effectiveness in reducing traffic congestion.).	<a href="http://www.fightgridlocknow.gov/upafnotice20061208.pdf">http://www.fightgridlocknow.gov/upafnotice20061208.pdf</a> docs/
12/18/2006 .....	71 FR 77084 .....	Applications for Funding Under Intelligent Transportation Systems Operational Testing to Mitigate Congestion Program (This notice invites State and local governments and other public authorities to apply to participate in a cooperative effort to deploy and evaluate the application of advanced technologies to reduce congestion in an urban area.).	<a href="http://www.fightgridlocknow.gov/itscongestionnotice20061218.pdf">http://www.fightgridlocknow.gov/itscongestionnotice20061218.pdf</a> docs/
12/22/2006 .....	71 FR 77084 .....	Value Pricing Pilot Program Participation, Fiscal Years 2007–2009 (This notice invites State and local governments and other public authorities to apply to participate in the Value Pricing Pilot (“VPP”) program and presents guidelines for program applications.).	<a href="http://www.fightgridlocknow.gov/vppfnotice20061222.pdf">http://www.fightgridlocknow.gov/vppfnotice20061222.pdf</a> docs/